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The Honorable Jim Moody
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Moody:

Because of your expressed interest in the welfare of Mr. Raymond Hooker and Miss Patricia Delgado, I know you will be pleased to learn of the most recent information that has come to our attention.

According to Sandinista press reports, Mr. Hooker, Miss Delgado, and a third individual also kidnapped at the same time, Mr. Santiago Mayorga, were released on 30 October. All three were said to be in relatively good condition.

Sincerely,

/s/Charles A. Briggs

Charles A. Briggs
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

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LD/OLL JOURNAL NOTE

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Date 29 October 1984OLL No. 84-4081/2HILL CONTACT Christophe Tulou 225-4165COMMITTEE/MEMBER Congressman Tom CarperSUBJECT Kidnapping of Ray Hooker and Patricia DelgadoACTION OFFICER

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SUMMARY: I called Christophe upon receipt of the Congressman's letter to Mr. Casey. I explained to him that we had written previously to Reverend Andrews and there was nothing more we could add to that letter. Christophe explained that the Reverend Andrews did not write directly to Mr. Carper, but that he, Christophe, sent the letter when he received a copy of the letter to Mr. Casey, from Reverend Andrews.

Christophe did not know the Agency had already responded to the 11 September letter and asked only that we provide Mr. Carper with a copy of our response to Reverend Andrews. (See attached letter from PAO, dated 16 October 1984.)

ACTION ITEMS:

Send copy of CIA letter to Reverend Andrews to Mr. Carper, attention Christophe Tulou. No need for an additional letter.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

Sent with transmittal note.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Office of Legislative Liaison

Washington, D. C. 20505

Telephone: 351-6121

29 October 1984

TO: The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
House of Representatives
1020 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Attention: Mr. Christophe Tulou

Chris:

Per our telephone conversation today,
enclosed is a copy of the Agency's response
to Reverend Andrews' letter to Mr. Casey,
dated 11 September 1984, a copy of which
Mr. Carper also received.

Liaison Division

Enclosure

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16 October 1984

The Rev. Robert W. Andrews
University Pastor
The Phoenix Community
20 Orchard Road
Newark, DE 19711

Dear Rev. Andrews:

Mr. Casey has asked me to respond to your letter regarding the case of Mr. Ray Hooker. Eden Pastora's Democratic Revolutionary Alliance and an allied Miskito Indian group have publicly acknowledged the capture of Ray Hooker and Patricia Delgado and have stated they will hold them in an effort to secure a prisoner exchange with the Nicaraguan government. The U.S. Government did not participate in, support, or approve these events, and will continue to follow the guidelines in Executive Order 12333 concerning intelligence operations. The U.S. does not condone kidnapping or international acts of violence by any group against innocent civilians.

The plight of Ray Hooker and Patricia Delgado is under review by the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and we are referring all inquiries on the subject to them. We suggest that you address your concerns either to your congressman or to HPSCI.

Sincerely, /

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George V. Lauder
Director, Public Affairs

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THOMAS R. CARPER
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Mr. William J. Casey
Director
United States Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Reverend Robert Andrews, regarding the plight of Mr. Ray Hooker and Ms. Patricia Delgado, two candidates for the new National Assembly of Nicaragua to be elected on November 4. Apparently, they were abducted last month by one of the counter-revolutionary groups currently fighting against the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua.

According to Reverend Andrews, Mr. Hooker "is widely respected in the Caribbean coastal area of Nicaragua." He is also, in Reverend Andrew's words, "a much esteemed educator, he is the kind of person that the Nicaraguan people, regardless of political orientation, needed in the service of their national development." Given the critical need of the Nicaraguans to demonstrate a commitment toward democratic principles and respect for human and civil rights, it is unfortunate that these candidates should be forcibly removed from circulation by counter-revolutionary forces.

My appeal is purely humanitarian — I urge you to use all the resources, contacts and other means at your disposal to save the lives of these Nicaraguans and to secure their release.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I hope your response will be positive.

Sincerely,

Tom Carper

Tom Carper
Member of Congress

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Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

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The Honorable Jim Moody
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Moody:

Thank you for your letter of 21 September 1984 in which you and nine other Members of the House of Representatives expressed concern about reports of abductions by armed Nicaraguan opposition forces.

Let me assure you that this Agency neither participated in nor countenanced the MISURASATA's kidnapping of Mr. Ray Hooker and Miss Patricia Delgado. The Central Intelligence Agency does not condone such acts against the civilian populace.

The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence has been interested in the plight of Mr. Hooker and Miss Delgado, and this Agency has been continually providing such information as has come to our knowledge to that Committee. In accordance with procedures established by the Congress, I am required to respectfully refer you to the Oversight Committee.

This letter is also being provided to Congressmen John F. Seiberling, Mervyn M. Dymally, Berkley Bedell, William J. Hughes, David E. Bonior, Ted Weiss, Robert W. Kastenmeier, Robert Garcia and Les Aspin.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey
William J. Casey

Director of Central Intelligence



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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

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16 October 1984

Mr. Richard R. Renner

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Dear Mr. Renner:

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Director, Public Affairs



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16 October 1984

The Rev. F. Sanford Cutler

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Dear Rev. Cutler:

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Director, Public Affairs





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16 October 1984

Phone: (703) 351-7676

Ms. Deborah A. Jackson
Secretary-General
American Association of Jurists
126 West 119 Street
New York, NY 10026

Dear Ms. Jackson:

Mr. Casey has asked me to respond to your letter regarding the case of Mr. Ray Hooker. Eden Pastora's Democratic Revolutionary Alliance and an allied Miskito Indian group have publicly acknowledged the capture of Ray Hooker and Patricia Delgado and have stated they will hold them in an effort to secure a prisoner exchange with the Nicaraguan government. The U.S. Government did not participate in, support, or approve these events, and will continue to follow the guidelines in Executive Order 12333 concerning intelligence operations. The U.S. does not condone kidnapping or international acts of violence by any group against innocent civilians.

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Sincerely, /

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George V. Lauder
Director, Public Affairs

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RECTOR
THE REV. F. SANFORD CUTLER

TELEPHONE: OFFICE-889-0703

September 28, 1984

Mr. William Casey, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Casey:

Recently while in Nicaragua I had the opportunity of taking part in an interview with Ray Hooker, described by The New York Times as one of the most distinguished citizens of Bluefields. As you are no doubt aware, Mr. Hooker has since then been kidnapped and apparently is being held by Eden Pastore and his group.

While I realize that relations between the C.I.A. and the Pastore faction have apparently become rather strained, I urge you to do all in your power through your agency to secure the release of this dedicated public servant and those held with him.

Sincerely,

F. Sanford Cutler

(The Rev.) F. Sanford Cutler

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September 21, 1984

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The Honorable William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
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Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Director:

It is our understanding that there are reports from Nicaragua that rebel forces have abducted two Nicaraguan political leaders. This news is the latest indication of the increasing trend of political terrorism by forces within Nicaragua directly associated with the United States government. The latest abductions, if confirmed, will bring to 82 the number of Nicaraguans who have been abducted since the beginning of July. Of these 82 people, four have already been found murdered and the Nicaraguan government fears that the rest have either been killed or have been taken to rebel camps in Costa Rica or Honduras.

The two most recent kidnap victims are Ray Hooker and Patricia Delgado. Ray Hooker was educated in the United States at Ohio University. He has been chosen as a Sandinista candidate for the new National Assembly. Patricia Delgado is a member of the regional Sandinista governing committee. Both of these candidates have been actively participating in the election process.

The Sandinista government has scheduled elections for November 4, 1984. The policy of the Reagan Administration and the Congress has been to encourage the Sandinista government to move in a Democratic direction. At the same time, though, the contras have been carrying on a systematic campaign of terror in much the same way that the Salvadoran guerillas attempted to prevent the people of El Salvador from participating in a free and open electoral process.

We strongly oppose any association between U.S. efforts in Nicaragua and political terrorism. Such an association does grave damage to the U.S. position in Latin America and the world as the advocate of democratic traditions and government. In addition, these terrorist kidnappings are in direct conflict with the Reagan Administration's Executive Order 12333.

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The Honorable William J. Casey

According to Section f. Interdepartmental Operations of the U.S. Government Overseas, Part 2, Conduct of Intelligence Activities:

"2.11 PROHIBITION on ASSASSINATION. No person employed by or acting on behalf of the United States Government shall engage in, or conspire to engage in, assassination.

2.12 INDIRECT PARTICIPATION. No agency of the Central Intelligence Community shall participate in or request any person to undertake activities forbidden by this Order."

Mr. Director, we urge you to use whatever avenues of communication exist between the U.S. government and the contras to press for the immediate release of Ray Hooker and Patricia Delgado, to obtain a full accounting of the other 76 missing Nicaraguans, and to bring about a cessation of all political assassinations and kidnappings.

The goal of U.S. policy should be to normalize U.S.-Nicaraguan relations, not to associate with actions that inevitably lead the Sandinistas to permanently establish a totalitarian regime. While it remains to be seen whether the November elections will be free and open, we must not condone any activity that serves as an impediment to the democratic process.

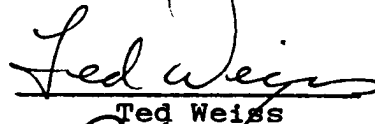
We urge your immediate attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,


Jim Moody


David E. Bonior


John F. Seiberling

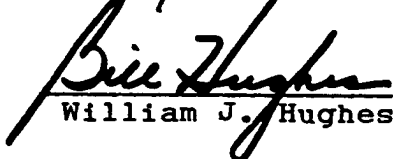

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September 12, 1984

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC

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Dear Sir:

The American Association of Jurists (AAJ) expresses grave concern over the recent kidnapping of Nicaraguan citizens Ray Hooker and Patricia Delgado by U.S. backed and financed mercenary groups. This incident is part of the continuing campaign of terror and intimidation supported by your administration against the Nicaraguan people in clear violation of all norms and standards of international law.


The AAJ, an organization of lawyers, judges and legal scholars from throughout North, South, Central America and the Caribbean dedicated to the defense of fundamental principles of international law, places direct responsibility on your administration for the safety and well-being of Ray Hooker and his companions. We demand that immediate steps be taken to secure the release of Mr. Hooker and other Nicaraguan citizens held by these bandit forces and that all forms of military and financial assistance to those groups be terminated.

Furthermore, the U.S. government must cease and desist from the massive military maneuvers conducted off the coasts of Nicaragua which pose a grave threat to peace in the region.

Under the internationally recognized principle of self-determination the people of Nicaragua are entitled to pursue their economic, political and social development without interference and in the manner they deem most appropriate.

We urge the United States government to support the efforts of the Nicaraguan government to bring about meaningful social change for its people in the areas of health care, education, employment and housing which are fundamental components of basic human rights.

Sincerely,


Deborah A. Jackson
Secretary-General

cc: George Schultz, Department of State
William Casey, Central Intelligence Agency
Tip O'Neill, House of Representatives
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Wisconsin Coordinating Council on Nicaragua (WCCN)

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Titles for identification purposes only.

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As members of WCCN, an organization dedicated to strengthening ties between the people and governments of Nicaragua and its sister state of Wisconsin, we are shocked at the news that U.S.-backed contras have kidnapped 82 Nicaraguans in recent weeks.

We are particularly distressed at the abduction last week of two persons from Nicaragua's Atlantic Coast region, including Ray Hooker who is a candidate for the National Assembly. Such a transparent attempt to disrupt the November elections is an outrage, and that the C.I.A. is illegally assisting the effort makes it all the more appalling.

We call upon the Administration to have the C.I.A. bring a halt to such political terrorism.

It is not just that it is morally and legally wrong. It is also counter productive to what should be our goals of encouraging a democratic spirit and institutions in Nicaragua and throughout the region. People like Mr. Hooker, who was educated in the United States, represent the best hope that democracy may finally have a chance to take root in Nicaragua after almost 50 years of dictatorship and revolutionary strife.

We demand that the Administration issue a statement denouncing the contras for their tactics of political

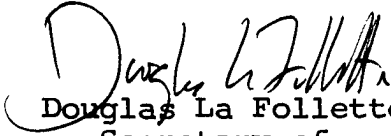
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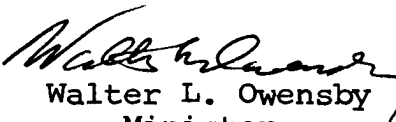
Douglas La Follette, Secretary of State; Rev. Walter Owensby, Director, Inter-American Designs for Economic Awareness of the United Presbyterian Church; Harvey Stower, State Representative; Mirette Seireg, Exec. Director.


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kidnapping and that every tool at the hands of our government be used to end attempts to disrupt the electoral process in Nicaragua.

Sincerely,


Douglas La Follette
Secretary of
State


Walter L. Owensby
Minister,
Presbyterian Church
(USA)


Harvey Stower
State
Representative

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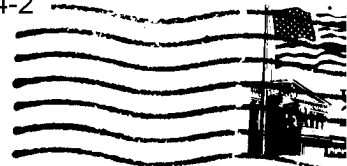
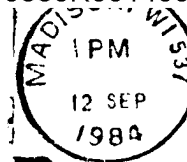
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September 12, 1984

Mr. William Casey, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Re: Kidnapping of Ray Ronald Hooker

Dear Mr. Casey:

I am writing to ask your assistance in locating Ray Ronald Hooker and securing his release.

Apparently, Mr. Hooker was abducted on September 5, 1984 by the "contra" forces supported by your agency in Nicaragua.

Mr. Hooker is a former resident of Athens, Ohio, and I am most concerned for his safety. I would appreciate knowing what information your agency has about Mr. Hooker's whereabouts, and what efforts you have made to secure his release.

Could you please write to me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Richard R. Renner

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Phone: (703) 351-7676

The Rev. Robert W. Andrews
University Pastor
The Phoenix Community
20 Orchard Road
Newark, DE 19711

Dear Rev. Andrews:

Mr. Casey has asked me to respond to your letter regarding the case of Mr. Ray Hooker. Eden Pastora's Democratic Revolutionary Alliance and an allied Miskito Indian group have publicly acknowledged the capture of Ray Hooker and Patricia Delgado and have stated they will hold them in an effort to secure a prisoner exchange with the Nicaraguan government. The U.S. Government did not participate in, support, or approve these events, and will continue to follow the guidelines in Executive Order 12333 concerning intelligence operations. The U.S. does not condone kidnapping or international acts of violence by any group against innocent civilians.

The plight of Ray Hooker and Patricia Delgado is under review by the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and we are referring all inquiries on the subject to them. We suggest that you address your concerns either to your congressman or to HPSCI.

Sincerely, /

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George V. Lauder
Director, Public Affairs

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September 11, 1984

Mr. William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the United Campus Ministry last night, it was decided to communicate this appeal to you directly.

Our urgent concern has to do with the abduction last week off the Caribbean coast of Nicaragua of Mr. Ray Hooker and Miss Patricia Delgado. The two candidates for the new National Assembly of Nicaragua to be elected November 4 were traveling in a promotion of their campaign for election to that body. It appears that one or the other of the counter-revolutionary groups fighting against the present government of Nicaragua is responsible for their disappearance.

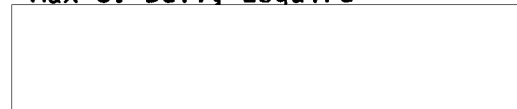
Mr. Hooker is widely respected in the Caribbean coastal area of Nicaragua for his transparently genuine dedication to the social and cultural welfare of the indigenous and non-Latino groups inhabiting that area. A graduate of Ohio University and a much esteemed educator, he is the kind of person that the Nicaraguan people, regardless of political orientation, needed in the service of their national development.

We ask you to devote all appropriate resources and relationships within your reach to influence the captors of these two Nicaraguans to spare their lives and return them to their families.

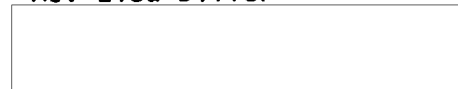
Sincerely,

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Managua Says Rightist Rebels
Have Abducted 80 Others
Since Beginning of July

By STEPHEN KINZER
Special to The New York Times

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Sept. 9—Two local Sandinista leaders were apparently kidnapped by Nicaraguan rebels last week, and Government officials here said today that they feared both had been killed.

The reported abductions brought to 82 the number of people believed carried off by United States-backed insurgents since the beginning of July, the officials said. They asserted that people involved in Sandinista organizations were being targeted in an effort to discourage residents from cooperating with the Government.

One of the two Sandinista leaders reported kidnapped, Ray Hooker, is a former university dean educated in the United States. He had been chosen as a Sandinista candidate for the new National Assembly that is to be elected in November, and was traveling from this Atlantic coast city to the Indian village of Karawala, about 70 miles north of here, to promote his candidacy.

The other victim, Patricia Delgado, is a member of the regional Sandinista governing committee and was traveling with Mr. Hooker to the village.

The captain of the small launch in which they were traveling, Santiago Mayorga, was also missing in the incident, which occurred Wednesday. The Nicaraguan Defense Ministry was quoted as saying Friday that the three had been abducted by 80 insurgents.

4 Bodies Have Been Found

Of the 82 Nicaraguans reported kidnapped by right-wing rebels since July, the bodies of 4 were found in the Escondido River last month, but the fate of the other 78 victims is unknown. Some are believed to have been taken to rebel camps in Costa Rica or Honduras.

Sandinista officers believe that nearly 1,000 rebels, known as contras, are scattered throughout southeastern Nicaragua, a sparsely populated expanse of swamps, jungles and tropical rain forests. Over the last 10 days, they have mounted a series of attacks.

On Aug. 30, a raiding party captured and burned a barge used to haul food and other goods to Bluefields from the western part of the country. Three crewmen aboard the barge were carried off, and there has been no word of their fate.

There is no road to connect Bluefields with the rest of Nicaragua, so the loss of the barge has made it difficult for residents to obtain goods. The Government is, however, constructing a

Attack by 200 Rebels

On Wednesday, a force estimated at more than 200 rebels attacked the town of La Cruz del Rio Grande, killing 4 people and suffering 14 dead, according to Government figures.

Two days later, the head of an agricultural cooperative in Cañonero, less than 10 miles from Bluefields, was killed in an ambush along with two members of the cooperative. The head of the cooperative, Jacinto Vargas Estrada, had urged his neighbors to work with Sandinista officials.

"The contras are trying to do two things," said Harry Chávez, a local Sandinista spokesman. "They want to terrorize people so they will not work with the revolutionary Government, and at the same time they are laying the groundwork for an effort to seize some territory. Taking Bluefields would be their greatest triumph."

In recent months, insurgents have mounted several attacks in which they have made special efforts to single out and kill leaders of pro-Sandinista organizations. Coordinators of Sandinista block committees, youth groups, health centers and cooperatives have been among the victims.

Mr. Hooker, who maintained relations with Indians opposed to the Government, is among the most widely respected citizens of Bluefields. He graduated from Ohio University with a degree in history, became assistant dean of humanities at the National University in Managua, and in 1981 was named director of the Institute for the Atlantic Coast, a Government agency. More recently, he had been in charge of administering social services for indigenous groups in the coast region.

The official Sandinista newspaper Barricada charged Saturday that Mr. Hooker's kidnapping was planned by the Central Intelligence Agency, which has provided millions of dollars in covert aid to rebel groups.